

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Session to receive a message from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2389–S2432

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 457–467, and S. Res. 53. **Page S2423**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees”. (S. Rept. No. 111–4) **Page S2423**

Measures Considered:

District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act: Senate began consideration of S. 160, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration thereto. **Pages S2390–99**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 65), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2397–98**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. **Page S2432**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting an address by the President delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 24, 2009; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–8) **Pages S2419–23**

Cloture Motion—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture

on the nomination of Hilda Solis, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, be vitiated.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 80 yeas 17 nays (Vote No. 66), Hilda L. Solis, of California, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S2399–S2412**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—66) **Pages S2397–98, S2620–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: On Monday, February 23, 2009, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 111th Congress:

Subcommittee on AirLand: Senators Lieberman (Chair), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Thune, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Burr.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Reed (Chair), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Udall (CO), Wicker, Graham, Martinez, Burr, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Kennedy, Lieberman, Akaka, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Graham, Chambliss, Thune, Martinez, Wicker, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Bayh (Chair), Byrd, Akaka, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Burris, Burr, Inhofe, Chambliss, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Kennedy (Chair), Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Hagan, Martinez, Sessions, Wicker, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chair), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Udall (CO), Begich, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Vitter.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SRI LANKA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine recent developments in Sri Lanka, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey J.

Lunstead, former United States Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Middlebury, Vermont; Anna Neistat, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Dietz, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York.

NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing underinsurance in national health reform, after receiving testimony from Cathy Schoen, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Gail Shearer, Consumers Union, and Diane Rowland, The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, both of Washington, D.C.; and Grace-Marie Turner, Galen Institute, Alexandria, Virginia.

MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Ticketmaster/Live Nation merger, focusing on consumers and the concert business, after receiving testimony from Irving Azoff, Ticketmaster Entertainment, Inc., West Hollywood, California; Michael Rapino, Live Nation, Beverly Hills, California; Jerry Mickelson, Jam Productions, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois; and David A. Balto, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Seth Hurwitz, 9:30 Club/I.M.P., both of Washington, D.C.

DISABLED VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Dempsey, Disabled American Veterans, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R.1142–1164; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 58–59; and H. Res. 185–187 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 200, to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to modification of certain mortgages on principal residences, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–19) and

H. Res. 184, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1105) making omnibus appropriations for